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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Critique for OXCART Mission Number BX6843

1. Mission critique was conducted in the OSA Control Center at 1530 hours, 10 January 1968.

2. Mission Data:

- a. Mission Number: BX6843
b. Date Flown: 5 January 1968
c. Area of Operation: North Vietnam
d. Mission Success: Successful
e. Pilot's Name: [REDACTED]
f. Aircraft Number: 131
g. Primary or Spare Flown: Primary
h. Takeoff Time - Planned: 0230Z
Actual: 0230Z
i. Landing Time - Planned: 0636Z
Actual: 0639Z
j. Time Enroute - Planned: 4+06
Actual: 4+09
k. Departure Base: Kadena AB
l. Landing Base: Kadena AB
m. Equipment:

(1) Primary: TYPE I, [REDACTED]
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(2) Spare: Same as primary.

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3. Operations:

a. Route (INS Plot vs. Planned): Satisfactory.

- (1) INS Terminal Error: 1.7 NM
- (2) INS Spec Error: 11.1 NM

b. Mission Generation & Operational Support: Satisfactory.

4. Weather:

a. Forecast vs. Actual:

- (1) As briefed.
- (2) Comments: Both target areas were five percent cloud covered. Overall cloud cover from the camera on-off point was 30 percent.

b. Weather Scout Reporting: Satisfactory.

5. Intelligence:

a. Target Coverage:

- (1) 12 of 12 programmed targets covered.
- (2) 7 first priority SSM targets of 9 covered.
- (3) 20 of 27 first priority NVN COMOR targets covered.
- (4) 182 SAM sites, 16 sites occupied, 1 new site
- (5) 16 other priority NVN COMOR targets covered.
- (6) Comments: Excellent coverage with very small amount of clouds was obtained on this mission over North Vietnam. Included in the coverage were SSM search areas, SAM sites, airfields, and the transportation network.

b. Quality of Take: Satisfactory.

- (1) Resolution: Not quite as good as BX6842 due to atmospheric haze and cloud shadow).

- (2) Camera Operation: No major discrepancies.

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f. Take Movement:

(1) Photography: Satisfactory.

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6. Materiel:

a. Aircraft General: Satisfactory.

b. Aircraft Systems: Satisfactory.

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7. Communications:

a. Message Traffic: Satisfactory.

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8. Significant Actions Taken:

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9. Outstanding Actions Required:

Investigate loss of altitude in turn exiting denied, first pass,
(OXCART Plans Branch).

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